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Letter dated 13 April 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the granting of security guarantees by the nuclear Powers which are permanent members of the Security Council to the non-nuclear States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) (see annex). I should be grateful if the text of this letter and the annex to it were circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 68 and 70 of the preliminary list and also of the Security Council.

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Statement dated 12 April 1995 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan

The Republic of Kazakhstan welcomes the granting of security guarantees by the nuclear Powers which are permanent members of the Security Council to the non-nuclear States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). This marks a new, positive stage in the development of the world nuclear policy.

Kazakhstan, which is a Party to the Treaty and advocates its indefinite and unconditional extension, has consistently considered the granting of security guarantees to the non-nuclear States necessary as a basic condition for establishing a comprehensive system for the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

This decision by the nuclear Powers is assuming particular importance on the eve of the forthcoming NPT Review and Extension Conference in New York, during which the subsequent fate of one of the principal international disarmament agreements will be decided. Kazakhstan views the indefinite extension of the Treaty as an essential part of efforts to achieve a more stable and secure world. The speedy conclusion of a comprehensive and complete nuclear-test-ban treaty would be the logical culmination of this process.